An Indian prince has a throne of solid In Paris there are over 1,000 profes sional fortune tellers.

Cape Colony exports annually \$100, 000 worth of dried flowers. Michigan occupies the second position among the salt producing states. There was no postoffice in England-

properly a postoffice—until 1668. Only 24 white elephants have been captured since the beginning of the Christian era. There are about 1,530 theaters in

Europe, Italy possessing more than any other country. A nailmaking machine produces as many nails in a given time as were

formerly made by 1,000 men. The Rainbow, near the Inner Temple Gate, as Mr. Timbs proves clearly, was the second coffee house opened in Lou-

Among the Turks the bodies of the dead are held in extreme reverence, although the cemeteries are used as picnic grounds

About 50,000 Hebrews returned from the Babylonian captivity in B. C. 536, and among other belongings they brought with them from Babylon were 7,307 slaves. In the Dutch West Indies the slaves

were emancipated in 1863. It is stated that 46,000 were freed, their owners being compensated at the rate of £32 for each slave. During the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries no less than

lish, French and Dutch ships from Africa to America. The railways in France employ bowever, receive a small sum merely

for opening and shutting gates where roads cross the track

attestation of good faith. of 1589, by which the operation of knitting was performed automatically, an | land."-Chicago Times-Herald. invention the chief motive of which re-

mains unchanged to this day. About 1656 Mr. Farr, a barber, who had perhaps been in the Levant, opened a coffee house nearly opposite the Cock tavern, London, and Sir Henry Blount

Extraordinary qualities are possessed by the river Tinto in Spain. It hardens and petrifies the sand of its bed, and if a stone falls in the stream and alights upon another in a few months they unite and become one stone. Fish cannot live

During July, August and September -from the beginning of the Glasgow fair till the end of the ordinary holiday season-London and the south of Eugland generally are favored with the presence of an ever increasing number of tourists from Scotland.

The finest mosaic pavement in England and one of the finest in Europe exlats in the remains of the Roman villa | Where he had put 'Laughter' there was in the parish of Bignor, Sussex. If the villa was equal to the pavement, it must have been very sumptuous and on

Stories as to the early arrival of cuckoos in England are once more be- mands from his hearers to 'Go on, ing circulated. This year the places Billy,' the audience thundered for him mentioned where the notes of the cuckoo | to go on. The only cases where he misare said to have been heard during the third week in February are Hatfield and the neighborhood of Hertford.

Liverpool receives some curious cargoes at times-cargoes of turtles and other live and dead animals, casks of leeches, shiploads of bones from battlefields, of human mummies from the Egyptian tombs and of dead cats from should go just as he sent them in."the cat cemeteries of the same country. On May 3, 1758, a lady who at New-

market had laid a considerable wager that she could ride on horseback 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours finished her match in a little more than two-thirds of the time. At her coming in, it is stated, the country folk strewed flowers in her

A very interesting volume of poems in manuscript by Keats is in the possession of the authorities of the department of manuscripts in the British museum. The volume contains three poems, "The Pot of Basil," "Lines on the Mermaid Tavern" and "The Eve of

A French engineer has conceived the interesting idea of reproducing the house in which Napoleon lived at St. Helena as an attraction during the Paris exhibition in 1900. The house will be an exact copy of the original, with panoramic canvases representing the natural surroundings. The monkey named Consul II is one

of the most intelligent of his species. He is about 5 years of age and stands 8 feet 8 inches in height and rides a tri- he was arraigned at the Desplaines eycle with as much skill as any boy rider. He can steer it anywhere with the greatest dexterity, and is allowed to ride his machine about the grounds of the Bellevue gardens, at Manchester, England.

The London coffee house keepers seem the first to have tried to institute fines for swearing, and they allowed no wagers to exceed 5 shillings. The coffee house walls were often hung with cases containing popular pills, elixirs and perfumes, and scurrilons Ned Ward 1679) compares a coffee house so adorned to the consulting room of a quack doctor.

ably the Golden Cross at Ratisbon, Ba- kitchen to make the final preparations land. Charles V resided in it in 1546. John of Austria, the defender of Europe against the Turk, was born in it in 1547. Ferdinand I sojourned in it in 1581. In the visitors' book, which was opened in 1879, are the names of many exalted personages, among them that of the old Emperor William.

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SHORT NEWS STORIES. The Swede and His Brother's Honor Senator Mason's Modesty Revenged

on the Conductor. "I practiced law once in Silverton. Colo.," said one of the passengers in the smoking room of the Pullman, "and had a case that struck me as a model exhibition of faithfulness. A Swede was mail carrier over the pass to the other side of the range. It was not a ong trip, but it was a severe one, made op foot and with the danger in winter from heavy snows adding to its difficul-

ty. Andrew carried the mail for a year; then one day he failed to reach home. There were valuable letters in his sack, and the inference that he had decamped was strong. On the night he should have come into Silverton his brother, fresh from Scandinavia and unable to speak English, got off the stage. As county attorney I had to break the news to the boy and stood by while he wept.

"Rewards were offered for Andrew

and I sent out parties to search the pass, but to no effect. A miner claimed to have seen him a week later in Leadville, but we got no more trace of him. The brother refused to believe that An drew had done wrong and spent his days tramping the canyons searching for his brother's body. We tried to get him to go to work, but he did not yield until by his shortness of funds he was starved to it. In the summer, when most of the snow was off, he searched again, but in vain. During the winter be worked, but when the second spring 8,000,000 slaves were carried by Engcame he renewed his lonely trampings up the trail. We thought him demented, but he cared not for our opinions. One day in August he walked along at the 24,080 women, the majority of whom, base of a cliff and saw a boot sticking out from some debris. He uncovered it, and his search was ended. That evening he came into town with the mail The cross mark still used occasionally sack, much stained, but intact, and his instead of a signature did not originate | brother's coat. The grave he dug, with in ignorance. It was always appended the rough stone he afterward put at its to signatures in mediæval times as an | head, is up the canyon yet. It took two years to vindicate his brother's name, The stocking frame was an invention | but he did not begrudge it. When it was done, he went back to his native

Senator Mason's Modesty.

A Chicago editor who gas recently in Washington paid Senat. Mason a handsome tribute as a public speaker. Though his speeches overflow with wit became one of his patrons and frequent | and humor, which seem to be born of the occasion, Senator Mason prepares them with great care. Long experience has enabled him to judge what points will take with his hearers. Said this Chicago editor: "Mason had sent me a typewritten copy of a speech he was going to deliver. In looking it over I noticed the applause and laughter were sprinkled very liberally through it, but I thought Mason might be assuming too so I carried that typewritten copy with me to the meeting where he was to Now, I want to say that in not a single case had he made a mistake. Where he had put 'Great applause' in parentheses the audience justified the parentheses. laughter, and where he had guessed there would be 'Great laughter' the merriment was great. Where he had adroitly made a feint of ending his speech and then had interpolated dejudged were in bracketing 'Applause' and 'Laughter' where actually there were great applause and great laughter. giving too high a decree to it. After that speech was finished I carried the copy over to my office and gave instructions that thereafter Mason's speeches Washington Post.

> Bevenged on the Conductor. "Hi! Hi! Don't shut that gate-lemne on!" shouted a man to an elevated

But the conductor closed the gate just as the anxious passenger reached of pleasure. t, and the disappointed man ran along ide, saying a few swear words and tryng to find a footbold on that train. alled to the conductor:

Then he hurled at him a package he was carrying, which contained five pounds of pancake flour which he had promised his wife to bring home with with such success that in a second he to foot, while the owner of it turned away with the satisfied remark: "Ha, ha! Revenge is sweet."-Chiago Times-Herald.

John Mahoney's Luck. Disorderly conduct was the charge which confronted John Mahoney when

"Where do you live?" asked the court. "On Fifteenth street," responded the

"Well, make it \$15 and costs, then, said the justice as he wrote the amount of the fine opposite the prisoner's name. "Gosh, I'm lucky that I do not live on Fiftieth street," Mahoney said as the officer led him from the prisoner's dock. -Chicago Tribune.

He Saved the Sink. New England man and his wife who live very methodically. One evening at The oldest inn in the world is prob- exactly 9 o'clock they went to the for the night. "Marthy," said the husband after a few moments, "hev ye wiped the sink dry yet?" 'Yes, Josiah, ' she replied.

do you ask?" "Well," he answered, "I did want a drink, but I guess I'll git along till the! morning."-Exchange.

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That but a desolation thou
Must stand upon the lea. The inspirations of the spring Long years were at thy heart. Thou gav'st through many a sum

Then sigh not such a mournful dirge Yet if thy voice must be Like anth-ms let the undertone Be breathed exuitingly, For thine was not a wasted life, Magnificent old tree!

Man, white haired man, if thou hast don

his music in thy heart, Say why should'st thou at death's cold In grief and terror start? Oh, stand beside the grand old tree, And, gazing on its dim, Scarred trunk, lift bravely up

last but fearless hymn, you hast nobly done thy part. nat more can cherubim? V. R. Wallace in New York Ledger.

THE FIRST LIGHTHOUSES They Were an Outgrowth of the Beacon Fires on Headlands. Lieutenant John M. Ellicott, U. S. N., writes for St. Nicholas a paper on ichthouses, entitled, "The Lights That

Guide In the Night." Lieutenant Elli-When ships are sailing upon the ocean the lights of heaven are their guides. Even in the dark ages, when the compass and sextant were unknown instruments, the seemingly motionless pole star hung like a beacon light in the porthern heavens, and the rising and setting of the sun and stars distinguished the east from the west. When, lowever, ships come near the land, the ights of heaven are not sufficiently safe to guide them. Rocks lie in their paths, unseen in the night, reefs and shoals spread under the water, while unsuspected currents sweep the frail raft all blindly upon these dangers. Nevertheless, ships were sailed along angerous coasts for centuries before a lain system of marking dangerous places was invented. The early marmers were bold and reckless royers, more than half pirates, who seldom owned a rood of the coasts along which they sailed, and could not have established lights and landmarks on them had they cared to do so. The rude beginning, then, of a system of lighthouses the reckless mariners traded in those dark ages built beacons near the harbor months to guide the ships into port by at night. As such a harbor guide had to be a sure landmark in the daytime and light by night, it soon took on a set-

built a fire, and such a tower was usually built of stone. This method of guiding ships into the ports which they sought was scarcey established before human wickedness sed it as a means for their destruction. Bands of robbers, or, as they came to e called, "wreckers," would hide bemselves somewhere near the haven sought by a richly laden vessel, and, after overpowering the fire keepers, would extinguish the beacon fire on the night on which the ship was expected. Then they would light another fire near frompt attention. some treacherous reef. The mariner, ELECTRIC LIGHTING A SPECIALTY sailing boldly toward the false light, would dash his vessel to destruction on the reef, whereupon the robber band would plunder the wreck and make off

led shape—a tower on which could be

Here is a tale of a strange animal riendship told by a writer in a recent ssue of The Westminster Gazette. The story is unique. According to the writer, a lioness that was kept in captivity in the place where she was confined, and

snarl, and the puppies would scamper back, but there was one that seemed to have the good will of the lionness, for The puppy was encouraged, and after blinking at the lioness he walked boldly

was expecting to see the puppy quickly killed, the lioness stretched out her huge paw and gently drew the dog in. The little fellow was delighted with his reception, and he snuggled into her ever since. The curious thing is that the lioness will have nothing to do with the other puppies. If they come to the cage to see how their little brother is getting along, she growls at them in tones so loud and menacing that they are frightened off. Meanwhile the adopted puppy is treated by the lioness just as if he were a cub of her own. A Weathercock Made by Paul Revere.

In taking down the steeple of the old Methodist church in Watertown, which the Young Men's Catholic association is remodeling for its use, the bistoric old weathercock on top of the steeple had to be removed. He is 21/2 feet high, with a pewter body and copper tail, and is said to have been made by Paul Revere when about 20 years old. It is said that the weathercock was originally placed. in 1755, on the old church building that was demolished in 1837. There is some dispute about his ownership, the Unitarians claiming that he was simply loaned to the Methodists when the latter built their church in 1847, while the fethodists claim that they bought him from the town. He will probably be presented to the Watertown Historical society. - Boston Transcript.

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THE GUERNSEY MARKET. How a Public Building was Erected and Paid For With-

out Money, Bonds, or Interest.

rom De Bernardi's "Trials and Triumphs of Labor." In the parish of St. Peter, Island Guernsey, marketing was carried on in ill-protected stalls around the North Centre St. Orange. It is open to sell hurch square. The losses to venders goods and to receive deposits of an thing of by rains, and the inconveniences to value, between the hours: uyers, made the need of a covered market house keenly felt; and some public spirited citizens took the mat ter in hand to have one built. An estimate of the building required made its approximate cost in money \$22,000, and to raise this amount of noney became the question with the romoters of the scheme. It was mestion, however, of e sy solution, as they had thousands of precedents. They drew up a petition setting forth the need of a market house and ask ing the governor to issue interest. bearing bonds, to be negotiated in Paris or London for the money wherewith to erect the building. A committee was appointed to present the

etition with some three hundred signatures appended to Governor De In a few days we shall have a consignment L'Isle Brock. It happened that while the people Branch. Later on Misses Shoes and Shipwere money worshippers, that is, be- pers from the Haverhill, Mass., Branch lieved in the omnipotence of money, The Elkhart, Indiana, Branch, will ship day and lighted fires for their guidance | Walnut St. Crossing, N Y & G L Ry Governor Brock, on the contrary, was Vinegar, Apple Jelly and Baking Powder to a money infidel, that is, did not be- us. L. E. goods are always the best. Try lieve that money was able to do the them and help a good cause along ! east thing. Consequently, when the Petroleum Jelly, large size flict. The governor set to work, with Bluing, pint bottle. arguments, to prevent the citizens from going into debt and becoming tributary to bankers in Paris and Market Basket, small. London. After explaining to the com-mittee, with little effect, that all the Whisk money in the world could not make nor lay a brick, could not plane nor nail a plank in the proposed market

ollows:
"Will you permit me," he asked the Nerve Powders (King's)...... "Will you permit me," he asked the committee, "to place before you some very simple questions?" Then continuing: "Have we the necessary to half peck." build said house?" he asked. The build said house?" he asked. The committee replied that they had, add. Wall Racks for towels ... ing that, owing to dull times many Bats, Alpine No. 1 Style . were out of employment and would be glad of a job. This reply the governor put down on paper summa-Hat Finisher's Brushes, per doz. rily thus: 'We have the men.' He Shoe Blacking, per box (large). bricks, lumber, lime, sand; about Shoe Dressing, (Ladies') per bottle. once in awhile the little fellows would come close to the cage. Then she would BICYCLE SUITS MADE TO ORDER to maintain men and teams while the Carpet Stretchers.... work was being executed. To all Men's Socks, No. 112..... these questions the committee had to reply affirmatively, because the whole governor set down on his list each in the order given. Holding, then, the list in his hands, he, with the full assurance of being in the right, addressed the committee as follows: "Here you tell me that we have Apple Jelly, per gallon......

among ourselves everything needed to build the market house, yet you desire me to BOND you to bankers for a material which is of no manner of a material which is of no manner of use in the construction of the house. Strange anomaly !" "It is true," remarked one of the committee, "that Baking Powder, 1 lb we have men and materials, but we lack the money to pay the men and buy the materials." "Friends," replied the governor, "when a man gets bankers? If so, then you are right melons?"

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age also, demanding annual tribute, they will soon have both the house and the money they paid you. It will be no relief to say that we make to us a set of Harness, Halters, Tie-straps, the renters of the market-house pay that tribute to the bankers. The Powder. We will receive these goods in a renters will be part of us, and they few days. Carpenters & Builders, will demand of their customers shad kin, Tenn., has placed an order for hats so we jointly will have to pay tribute with us for which we are to receive the fam-Office and Shop: 25 Herman Street,
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ferent denominations (as money) and with these pay the men and purchase money for the rent of the stalls." The committee, after some hesitation, assented to the governor's plan Most of the citizens also agreed to it. The "scripts" were issued, the materials procured, the men put to work, the building erected, and the stalls rented. The scripts circulated in the

tributions of materials and work were now all paid with the goods they had purchased at the market house, or indirectly elsewhere, and not one cent lost to the people in discounting bonds nor interest.

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for building our market house. Having, as you avow, men and materials, all that is necessary in the case is to keep account of each man's contributions of work or materials, that, in the future, we may balance equitably the expenses of the building. This can best be done by means of a ferent articles of merchandise. Not the

Nut (F. O. B.) Lump (at the mines) the materials, then make these scripts If freight rates are not prohibitive, Branch receivable at par with legal tender 125 will have some of this coal are long.

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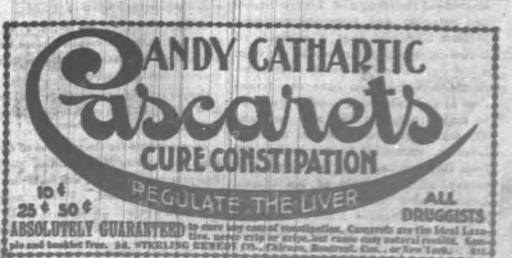


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ABOUT TAXES.

STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY CONTRACTOR

There's the question of taxation. And t's a twister. The assessors are around hunting up property, trying to fix values that a falling market has rendered unstable and low. Fact is, this tax question always suggests another question: What is anchyf-i.e., in its common acceptation. ome would answer, "A defiance of the w." If so, then what would exemplify his definition more than the universal and holesale disregard of the tax law, which as plain as A B C?

Il real and personal property shall be asessed. That it is not done goes without aying. Why not done?

THE LAW.

It says that the real and actual value of

A CONSPIRACY. Throughout the State there is, and so far s I can-ascertain, always has been a con piracy to undervalue. In one town two hirds of the actual value is taken, in an ther one-half, in another two-fifths, and so-

PERJURY.

When the assessor takes his oath to assess roperty according to the law he knows lown in his heart that it will be impossible or him to comply with it. I have much espect for that man-I think he hailed om Bloomfield who, after his cleen fused to take the oath and then break Other and more pliable consciences fille

A LOCAL TRICK. Since nothing occurs without a reason mple reason abounds for this singular mis carriage of justice. It lies in the effort of

every taxing district to get out of paving ts honest share of county taxes. A mer uestion of one township or city beating he other townships or cities within the ountya. Why, so long has this trick been orked that should an assessor of Bloom eld township assess property at the tru d to that value according to law, he would an great risk of being mobbed at home

ter-making such report to the count AN INSTANCE. In one tax district in the city of Orang ast year Assessor Holmes raised the tot sluttions nearly one and a quarter million his he did evidently to get nearer, to the tter of the law. It brought down upd head a wrathful community, first, a use other parts of the city were value uch lower; again, because the city had t y a greater pro rata tax to the county

again because certain holders of unit oved real estate were taxed much heavi

A LOWER TAX BATE. fany holders of small properties will before the Commissioners of Appea Drange, asking for reduction, stated th properties in the county were value portionately they would not then care valuation were doubled. It was commation only that they based to upon. That a lower tax would rest er proper assessment, was the consens

A CARE IN POINT. think it was in Port Jervis, N. Y., whi icifew years ago a single-taxer was e ar assessor upon a platform to astal values. The result was that the owned fine residences were assess e or four times the usual amount. iness portion of the community were ed proportionately on their building owners of vacant lots (usually as less atm property) did not escape under

"that the lots paid no income." It was that the holders of small proand the farmers had bed little ta--the burden falling upon the wea er than the industry of the commun tax rate was about half what it usu been. "The gang" - composed wealthier citizens - did not a assessmente be re-elected the fol-

NEED OF E PENALTY

ow, I don't feel like hatcheling

sors. The trouble is farther up. er of State importance. The law as it stands? alt only needs so ing with an adequate penalty for sing correctly. The law should property owner to make out a sc f-valuation of his property, real onal, subject to revision by a com which should be the commissioned als with extended powers. Fur it should stipulate that every es passing through the Probate (d be subject to retrospection rela evious tax, assessments. Thus, se knows exactly when he will do e distribution to be a second traces commissioners rather than the shall pay taxes and fines after This is the Swiss method of o come tax. It works like a chan